

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 6pm
in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth

- Present: Councillors:**
- J Wearmouth – Chairman
 - N Best – Vice Chairman
 - J Gebhard (arriving at 6:04pm) – Mayor ex-officio
 - N Bawn
 - A Byard (arriving at 6:06pm)
 - J Parreira
 - A Tebbutt
 - J Tebbutt
- Clerks:**
- Miss D Smith – Deputy Clerk
 - Mrs J Wilson – Office Manager
 - Miss K Carter – Administration Assistant
- Absent Councillors:**
- Cllr D Herne – No apologies received
 - Cllr K Holmes – Illness

57/18 **Committee Chairman’s Announcements**

- Members were advised of the usual rules about the recording of meetings.
- Members were reminded that mobile phones should be turned on to silent and should not be used during the meeting.
- Members were advised that the bus shelter on Shields Road, Stobhill has now been replaced.

58/18 **Mayoral Announcements**

- Picnic in the Park will be held on 15th July 2018, in Carlisle Park.
- Regional In Bloom judging will take place on the 20th July 2018 and National In Bloom judging will take place on the 8th August 2018.

59/18 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received on this occasion.

60/18 **Public Participation Time**

There were no members of the public present who wished to ask a question on this occasion.

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61/18 **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 13th June 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting was approved as a true record, with an amendment to a minor typographical error on page 5.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Minutes of 13th June 2018, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

62/18 **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B

63/18 **Items referred from other Committees and Working Groups**

There were no items referred on this occasion.

64/18 **Licences**

There were no licenses to consider on this occasion.

(i) **Statement of Principles 2019-2022**

Members were provided for information with a letter received from NCC Licensing and were asked to consider comments to the above draft statement.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
b) Members agreed there were no comments to make at this time.

65/18 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members considered the planning applications for w/c 2nd July 2018, see Appendix C.
- (ii) Members were provided for information with the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for the 11th, 18th and 25th June 2018.
- (iii) Members were informed that the following applications have been granted planning permission:
- 17/04652/FUL – Barratt Homes, South Fields, Hepscoth
 - 18/00715/CCD – Former Fire And Rescue Workshop And Outbuildings, Loansdean, Morpeth, NE61 2AP

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

66/18

Northumberland Local Plan – Spring 2018 Consultation

Members were provided for information with a list of dates for drop-in sessions regarding the above consultation.

Members were also informed that this consultation is now active. Cllr Wearmouth advised members that the point should be made again that the triangle at Coopies Lane should be protected, providing that the Stobhill / Loansdean link road construction is a condition with any developments.

Members were also advised that NCC have proposed to allow the Green Belt area to follow the route of the bypass, rather than the route of the settlement boundary, leaving the white land outside of the settlement boundary north of St George's, as open country side.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) The following response to be submitted:-
1. With respect to the proposal to safeguard land to the southeast of Coopies Lane Industrial Estate for potential employment use, Morpeth Town Council supports this approach. However, MTC wishes to make it clear that its support for any such development would be conditional on the construction of the Stobhill Loansdean Link Road (which we welcome being protected by Policy Tra3).
 2. The Proposals Map allocates land to the northwest of the Lancaster Park housing estate for employment uses via policies ECN6, ECN7 and ECN8. While MTC acknowledges that this currently has planning permission for employment uses this development has not yet commenced. We would prefer for this land to revert to 'white land' status in the event that said planning permission expires or falls away for whatever reason. We would appreciate consideration being given to the practicalities of enabling this outcome.

67/18

Parking Restrictions & Resident Permit Parking Zone, Cottingwood Lane Area, Morpeth

Members were asked to consider a response to the proposals regarding the above.

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Cllr J Tebbutt raised concerns regarding King Edward school children using long stay car parks, such as at Morrisons, rather than parking on Cottingwood Lane. She suggested that a special permit be given to Morpeth workers so that they are able to gain access to the car park.

Cllr J Tebbutt also advised members that the residents should be encouraged to actively take part in the consultation as only a high number of responses will generate a positive response. Cllr J Tebbutt also proposed that Morpeth Town Council should support these proposals, but review this decision once the new link road from the bypass is in place.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) Members agreed to support the proposals.

68/18 **Scheduled Works in Morpeth Briefing Note**

Members were provided for information with a list of works scheduled for Morpeth in 2018/19.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

69/18 **Road Closures**

Members were advised of the following road closure:-

1. U6109 High Stanners, Morpeth.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

70/18 **Morpeth Forum**

Cllr J Tebbutt informed members that the Morpeth Masterplan consultation took place on the 6th July 2018. Feedback from residents has been positive and a large number of questionnaires have been completed.

The new Chief Executive of Active Northumberland, Mark Tweedy, was in attendance. He will be working on proposals for the leisure centre and is also interested in working with Morpeth Football Club and King Edwards VI High School.

Cllr A Tebbutt also informed members that there is a new proposal to change the area at the back of County Hall into a country park which would include provision for helicopters who deal with fires out at sea.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

71/18

Local Council Issues

There were no issues on this occasion

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 6:30pm with Councillors J Wearmouth, N Best, J Gebhard, N Bawn, A Byard, J Parriera, A Tebbutt and J Tebbutt present.

62/18 Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
62/18 (32/18) (473/17) (439/17) (396/17) (364/17)	T1 Bus Service	Cllr Byard informed members that she has been in contact with Peter form PLC Travel, who is currently working on a timetable that can serve both Green Lane and the Avenues. Neil Easton will support a short notice registration for Green Lane however, a letter of support was requested from Morpeth Town Council for the registration of the service for the Avenues due to a conflict with an existing Arriva service.	Information duly noted. The Deputy Clerk to send a letter to support the service in the Avenues at Stobhill to Neil Easton.
62/18 (32/18) (476/17)	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - 17/04652/FUL - Barratt Homes, South Fields, Hepscott	Members were advised that there has been no response to our request for an update on the S278 agreements and a request for engagement with the relevant Town and Parish Councils on S106 contributions.	Information duly noted.
62/18 (478/17)	Northumberland County Council – Road Hierarchy	Members were provided for information with feedback to our response made to NCC's Road Hierarchy consultation. Cllr Best informed members that the last point regarding high sided vehicles travelling through Morpeth is not relevant anymore because they can travel along the spine road, along the Northern Bypass and join the A1.	Information duly noted. To write to NCC regarding alternative routes for high sided vehicles.
62/18 (30/18)	Public Participation Time – 18/00282/FUL 55 Newgate Street	Members were informed that no response has been received from NCC regarding confirmation of any conditions associated with the application in relation to parking and access.	Information duly noted. To chase a response from NCC.
62/18 (30/18)	Public Participation Time – Signage for Mains Place	Members were advised that NCC have responded to confirm they will not install signage for Mains Place, which is a private road. The signs within the archway can be moved to the street side without permission being required from NCC.	Information duly noted.

Appendix C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 2nd July 2018

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
18/02071/FUL	Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Best, from planning list w/c 18 th June 2018 Mr John Hare Low Wood Pottery, Bank, Morpeth, NE61 1SH	Proposed first floor alterations over existing garage to provide 2 bedrooms, bathroom and en-suite.	Morpeth Town Council object to this application on the following grounds – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal is disproportionate and will dominate the area • Excessive massing and overdevelopment • It alters the streetscape 		
18/02202/FUL	Mr Jon Miller 63 Lindisfarne Lane, Stobhill Grange, Morpeth, NE61 2UJ	Proposed garden room extension and garage extension with entrance porch.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Withdrawn
18/02254/VARYCO	Mr Roy Kim 2 Clarks Field, Highchurch, Morpeth, NE61 2NE	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning application 17/04423/VARYCO to amend the layout and position of the bedroom.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		

SIGNED: 
DATE: 15/08/18
CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN
MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE